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Applicant : BANERJEE et al.

Group Art Unit: 1614

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For : METHODS FOR INHIBITING ANGIOGENESIS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to an examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows (a marked-up copy is attached to the present amendment):

Please replace the third full paragraph on page 1 with the following new paragraph:

---Endothelial cell proliferation and differentiation into blood capillaries (i.e., angiogenesis) are essential for growth and development, wound healing, osteogenesis, etc. Endothelial cells in adult tissues are quiescent but rapid proliferation occurs for a limited period of time during menstruation, ovulation, reproduction, implantation, mammary gland changes during lactation, and